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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY NEWSOM

1. GARBA CALLED ON NEWSOM AFTERNOON JUNE 23. ASSTSEC RE-  
PLIED AS FOLLOWS TO AMBASSADOR'S REQUESTS FOR LATEST US  
VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, RHODESIA, SAHELIAN SITUATION AND  
BURUNDI.
2. MIDDLE EAST. REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS AS CONTAINED IN  
PRESIDENT NIXON'S REPORT TO THE CONGRESS UNITED STATES FOR-  
EIGN POLICY FOR THE 1970 S.
3. RHODESIA. NEWSOM SAID DEPARTMENT WAS FOLLOWING CURRENT  
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CONGRESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY. NEWSOM INDICATED IT WAS TOO EARLY TO MAKE VALID PREDICTIONS ON OUTCOME OF EFFORT AT REPEAL BEING LED BY SENATOR HUMPHREY AND CONGRESSMAN FRASER. HE EMPHASIZED THAT ONE OF DEPARTMENT' S MAJOR CONCERNS WAS UNITED STATES- BEARING BRUNT OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS RHETORIC ON SUBJECT WHILE OTHER VIOLATORS OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS WERE RARELY IF EVER CASTIGATED FOR THEIR VIOLATIONS. IN REJOINDER, GARBA SAID US SHOULD NOT HAVE PROBLEMS WITH CHROME SUPPLIES GIVEN STOCKPILE SITUATION AND AVAILABILITY OF CHROME FROM THE USSR. NEWSOM REPLIED THAT SUCH LOGIC NOT ALWAYS APPRECIATED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

4. SAHEL. NOTED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON SENT A LETTER TO SEC GEN WALDHEIM OUTLINING STEPS US HAS UNDERTAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE DISASTER INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR TO BRING ALL AGENCIES OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO FOCUS ON A SOLUTION TO BOTH SHORT AND LONG RANGE ASPECTS OF PROBLEM.

5. BURUNDI. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, ASSTSEC REQUESTED GARBA BRING TO ATTENTION HIS GOVERNMENT OUR CONCERN AND FEELING REGARD TO TRAGIC EVENTS IN BURUNDI. HE SAID WE WERE AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED BUT DID NOT EXCUSE WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE. UNITED STATES REAL CONCERN WAS THAT AFRICAN INACTION TOWARD THE EVENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN BURUNDI ARE GIVING ALL OF AFRICA A BAD NAME IN THE US AND COMPLICATING OUR EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA. IN SUM, MR. NEWSOM SAID WE ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE AFRICAN LEADERSHIP TO PAY ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS IN BURUNDI JUST AS THEY DO TO INJUSTICES ELSEWHERE. ROGERS

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